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TITLE: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR DIAGNOSING A COMPUTER
IN A NETWORK SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to a non-final office action in the above case dated August 17, 2005 ("Office Action"), in which the Examiner objected to certain claims, found certain claims indefinite (35 U.S.C. §112, par. 2), rejected certain claims as directed toward non-statutory subject matter (35 U.S.C. §101), and rejected all the claims as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over cited art. Applicants amended certain claims to overcome the objections and Sections 101 and 112 rejections. Applicants further amended claims to distinguish over the cited art, added claims 31-36, and canceled claims 2, 12, and 24. Applicants submit that all pending claims 3, 5, 7-10, 13-15, 17-23 and 25-36 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9.

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